

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3681**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	USC-Sumter Four-Year Degrees		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

This Bill would amend the Code of Laws by adding section 59-53-75 as to allow the University of South Carolina (USC)-Sumter to offer four-year degrees, and revising section 11-41-30 by changing the definition of "project" to include USC-Sumter for the purpose of implementing its four-year degree programs.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and USC estimate the costs to offer four-year degrees at USC-Sumter to be \$1,538,957. This cost includes \$1,072,932 for faculty salaries, instruction support, and fringe. Other operating expenses include academic support of \$71,050, student services of \$148,575, and administration of \$246,400 for a total of \$466,025. This estimate does not include any additional start-up or capital costs. This cost is offset by \$250,000 to be provided by area local governments.

The total impact upon enactment of this Bill is estimated at \$1,288,957 (\$1,538,957 - \$250,000). The impact on the General Fund of the State is at the discretion of the General Assembly. State General Funds and/or Tuition and Fee revenue may be used to cover the costs.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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